



Minnesota Ag News – Chickens & Eggs



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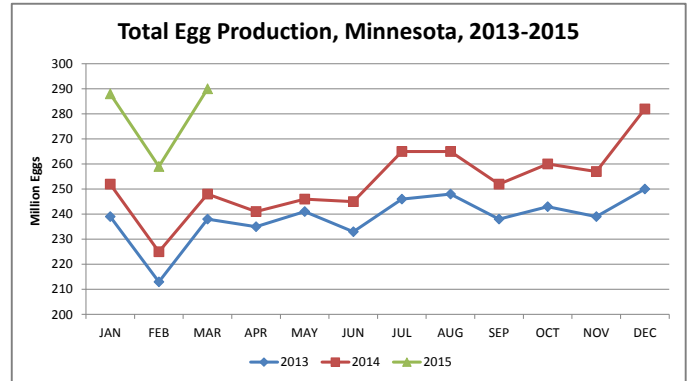
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Minnesota Egg production during March 2015 was 290 million eggs, up 12 percent from last month, and up 15 percent from last year, and the largest March production on record for the state of Minnesota, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during March was 11.8 million, down slightly from last month, but up 11 percent from last year, and the largest March inventory on record for the State of Minnesota. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of March were 2,462, up 12 percent from February, mostly due to the short month of February, and up 3 percent from 2,383 last year.



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States, March 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

| State | Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above | | All layers on hand | | Eggs per 100 layers | | Total egg production | | Table egg production | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers) | (eggs) | (eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) | (million eggs) |
| Alabama | 1,465 | 1,465 | 9,273 | 9,278 | 1,920 | 1,951 | 178 | 181 | 38 | 37 |
| Arkansas | 3,622 | 3,756 | 11,858 | 12,730 | 2,066 | 2,113 | 245 | 269 | 91 | 99 |
| California | 16,402 | 12,718 | 16,832 | 13,212 | 2,412 | 2,422 | 406 | 320 | (D) | (D) |
| Colorado | 4,497 | 3,926 | 4,871 | 4,338 | 2,546 | 2,444 | 124 | 106 | (D) | (D) |
| Connecticut | 2,272 | 2,272 | 2,366 | 2,365 | 2,367 | 2,368 | 56 | 56 | (D) | (D) |
| Florida | 8,181 | 8,755 | 8,548 | 9,148 | 2,422 | 2,405 | 207 | 220 | 202 | 216 |
| Georgia | 9,585 | 9,875 | 18,395 | 18,813 | 2,196 | 2,158 | 404 | 406 | 236 | 235 |
| Illinois | 4,547 | 4,373 | 5,015 | 4,820 | 2,413 | 2,344 | 121 | 113 | 116 | 109 |
| Indiana | 26,473 | 25,416 | 27,392 | 26,327 | 2,461 | 2,355 | 674 | 620 | 657 | 602 |
| Iowa | 58,048 | 58,226 | 59,210 | 59,466 | 2,300 | 2,376 | 1,362 | 1,413 | 1,345 | 1,394 |
| Maine | 3,496 | 3,496 | 3,551 | 3,551 | 2,450 | 2,450 | 87 | 87 | (D) | (D) |
| Maryland | 2,569 | 2,444 | 2,742 | 2,608 | 2,407 | 2,454 | 66 | 64 | 65 | 63 |
| Michigan | 13,044 | 12,255 | 13,282 | 12,508 | 2,582 | 2,542 | 343 | 318 | (D) | (D) |
| Minnesota | 10,194 | 11,322 | 10,616 | 11,777 | 2,383 | 2,462 | 253 | 290 | 247 | 284 |
| Mississippi | 1,530 | 1,542 | 5,848 | 5,749 | 2,052 | 2,122 | 120 | 122 | 38 | 41 |
| Missouri | 6,402 | 6,590 | 8,675 | 8,828 | 2,282 | 2,390 | 198 | 211 | (D) | (D) |
| Nebraska | 9,288 | 9,436 | 9,396 | 9,544 | 2,522 | 2,525 | 237 | 241 | 237 | 241 |
| New York | 4,593 | 4,672 | 4,949 | 5,036 | 2,526 | 2,542 | 125 | 128 | (D) | (D) |
| North Carolina | 5,627 | 6,754 | 13,032 | 14,509 | 2,149 | 2,164 | 280 | 314 | 143 | 170 |
| Ohio | 29,224 | 30,275 | 30,085 | 31,137 | 2,463 | 2,438 | 741 | 759 | (D) | (D) |
| Oregon | 2,168 | 2,305 | 2,307 | 2,444 | 2,514 | 2,660 | 58 | 65 | 58 | 65 |
| Pennsylvania | 23,458 | 23,617 | 25,373 | 25,671 | 2,503 | 2,598 | 635 | 667 | 607 | 636 |
| South Carolina | 2,968 | 3,165 | 4,210 | 4,466 | 2,185 | 2,284 | 92 | 102 | 71 | 78 |
| South Dakota | 2,503 | 2,547 | 2,645 | 2,689 | 2,457 | 2,492 | 65 | 67 | 65 | 67 |
| Texas | 14,696 | 14,803 | 18,811 | 19,008 | 2,328 | 2,278 | 438 | 433 | (D) | (D) |
| Utah | 3,947 | 4,115 | 3,985 | 4,153 | 2,334 | 2,408 | 93 | 100 | 93 | 100 |
| Virginia | 1,098 | 1,183 | 2,920 | 3,041 | 2,123 | 2,039 | 62 | 62 | 30 | 29 |
| Washington | 6,594 | 6,994 | 6,759 | 7,158 | 2,397 | 2,445 | 162 | 175 | (D) | (D) |
| Wisconsin | 4,223 | 4,575 | 4,997 | 5,356 | 2,241 | 2,409 | 112 | 129 | (D) | (D) |
| Other States ¹ | 12,994 | 13,120 | 22,012 | 22,100 | 2,208 | 2,240 | 486 | 495 | 351 | 360 |
| United States | 295,708 | 295,992 | 359,955 | 361,830 | 2,342 | 2,358 | 8,430 | 8,533 | 7,354 | 7,417 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes data for states not published in this table.

United States Chickens & Eggs

United States egg production totaled 8.53 billion during March 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.42 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,358 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2014.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up slightly from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2015, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2015 totaled 50.4 million, up 14 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on April 1, 2015, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 304 thousand during March 2015, up 29 percent from March 2014.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2015 totaled 791 million, up 3 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 646 million on April 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 7.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2015, up 6 percent from March 2014.

